Summary of AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION CRITERIA FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF DIABETES

1. A1C ≥6.5%. The test should be performed in a laboratory using a method that is NGSP certified and standardized to the DCCT assay. *

OR

2. FPG ≥126 mg/dl (7.0 mmol/l). Fasting is defined as no caloric intake for at least eight hours. *

OR

3. Two-hour plasma glucose ≥200 mg.dl (11.1 mmol/l) during an OGTT. The test should be performed as described by the World Health Organization, using a glucose load containing the equivalent of 76g anhydrous glucose dissolved in water.

OR

- 4. In a patient with classic symptoms of hyperglycemia or hyperglycemic crisis, a random plasma glucose ≥200 mg/dl (11.1 mmol/l).
 - *In the absence of unequivocal hyperglycemia, criteria 1- 3 should be confirmed by repeat testing.

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A consensus statement and algorithm for the initiation and adjustment of therapy can be found in Diabetes Care, Volume 35, Number 1, January 2012, page 193.

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